

HB 453 -- AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

SPONSOR: English

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill requires, in order for any traffic violation that is based on a photograph or video taken by an automated traffic enforcement system to be valid, the photograph or video must depict a frontal image of the driver of the vehicle. An "automated traffic enforcement system" must mean a camera, optical device, electronic system, or other surveillance system designed to record and produce photographic images, video, or other digital data of a motor vehicle, a motor vehicle's operator, or both, violating a traffic control signal, speed restriction, or other traffic law, ordinance, or regulation.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will provide due process of law to red light camera violations because it will enable police and prosecutors to properly identify the offender.

Testifying for the bill was Representative English.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.